

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee
Wednesday, June 23, 2020
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Heights City Offices

Attendees: Ronna Cohen, Melissa Fields, Ben Hill, Erin Davis, Roger Kehr, Sarah Ricketts, Greg Hilbig, Michael Johnson, Mike Menssen, Jennifer Shah, Bruce Jorgensen, Greg Reid,

Not Present: Matthew Dominesey, Kristy Morrison, Carl D (Dave) McFerren, Christine Mikell,

Discussion:

Update on Bonneville Shoreline Trail Access Plan

Rob Donigan, Blu Line Designs

- Three regional trailhead access points - gravel pit, Ferguson canyon access point and near the existing water tanks near base of LCC
- Forest service pull off, just up BCC is a good regional access point
- 5 local access points between Ferguson and water tank trailhead, they recommend that only 3 of those get developed
- Emphasized they will use native plants, drought tolerant plants, working in context with the site
- Showed the BCC pull off - proposed map of the trailhead
- Reviewed lower Ferguson trailhead parking
 - This one most specifically addresses concerns raised at previous open house
 - Has parking, restrooms, turnaround, walking pathway up to Prospector Dr (North end) and another further up Prospector drive (south end), meandering trails thru existing vegetation, some shaded benches
 - As you come in to Prospector from Wasatch, would be trail signage
 - This site is intended to be used as a dog park, doesn't show on Rob's map, but that is the intention
 - Jenn Shah - does this plan include space for Wasatch Blvd to widen if that needs to happen? Blu Line will look at that, the site can lose some of the parking and shift away from Wasatch if needed
 - Mike J - part of the funding that is being used for this parking area is administered by UDOT so if there are any issues with widening Wasatch then hopefully they would have taken this into consideration prior
- Local access points - trash receptacles, small wayfinding signs, want to keep them discreet and low key and not publicized to the greater public, would need access easements thru private property
- Mike J - city has a draft plan, they have received public input, now formal approval process, need recommendation from PTOS committee and planning commission then

would take the plans to the city council for final adoption. Copy of plan will go in shared drive, we can discuss

- Ronna - who is going to maintain these sites? That would be the city's obligation, details would need to be worked out; Are those considerations included in the draft? No, costs shown in the plan are just development costs
- PTOS has time to review and make recommendation in July's meeting
- *ACTION ITEM: committee needs to review and provide feedback for next month's meeting*
- Mike M - what is the status of attaining easements? The city would need to enter into those negotiations, still figuring out a plan of attack

City staff/council update

Mike Johnson, CH Community & Economic Development Director

- Utah Leads Together Version 4 - emphasis on economic recovery and revitalization
- All available on city and state's website coronavirus.utah.gov
- "We recommend the state fund projects to bring recreation opportunities to within 10 miles of every resident's home across the state."
- Wasatch Blvd Trailhead / Dog Park (Ferguson Canyon trailhead)
 - \$1.2m CMAQ funding approved (specific to parking, restrooms, site work)
 - City staff working thru formal funding process
 - Next steps - funding process and dog park public open house (late summer or fall 2020)
- Introduced Doverhill Drive Church property
 - Meeting on May 28, they are just starting the process which includes market appraisal
 - The city indicated high interest in the property
 - Probably 3-4 months till anything would go on the market
- North Gravel Pit Development Application
 - Full staff report finished later this week
 - Application for a re-zone to develop a site specific plan that fits in the context of this site
 - Anticipates quite a few public hearings before going to the city council
 - Hotel, apartments, condos, senior living building, a few retail pads, similar to Holladay downtown
 - This proposal has gone through quite a few changes, fault lines and an aqueduct through the property, trail access to the east
 - Why aren't we trying for some type of transport hub? This is so far North it doesn't work as well for a transport hub, city wants public parking further south down Wasatch Blvd
 - Why not make it green open space? It's privately owned, city would have to purchase, developer not interested, developer included some open space, from the city's standpoint the public open space and gathering site is much needed, city probably doesn't have funds to purchase the land
 - Jenn Shah - what is the timeline? Formal application received in Dec/Jan, they've been working through issues since then, it's gone through architecture review then

to planning commission then to city council, anticipate this conversation will carrying on into the fall, construction 12 months from now at a bare minimum

- MF - what is the status of the open space for the development behind the Seven Eleven? The park will be installed after all the buildings are constructed
- *MF - what is the date for the tree planting? Coordinate with Anne Eatchel and the Butlerville Day Committee*

Update Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area

Ben Hill, Service Area Executive Director

- July 1st the two parks will be deeded over to the city, delayed due to Covid, will be worked into service agreement
- Jenn - why is the skate park closed again? Last week it was closed due to graffiti clean up, did some tree removal when it was closed,

Subcommittee/project reports

Walking routes, Ronna Cohen

- Met with Andy, he volunteered to put together the first draft of the first walk
- 7 walks, 7 narratives
- Will add Native American narratives
- *Ronna will send out specific questions to the group*
- Would be helpful - anyone with an eye toward graphic design that could help? Greg Reid volunteered to help
- They all still need final editing
- First will publish online so we can tweak until we can get them printed
- *Giving us till Thursday for further feedback so Andy can work on putting the rest together*
- Will add in mileage

Utah Open Lands Open Space campaign, Melissa Fields

- Recently created a video about the property
- Deadline to raise money is Sept 15

New Business

Dover Hills park proposal

- Sent out with the agenda
- 3.17 acres of church park space becoming available for sale
- The earliest the property could be sold would be fall 2020
- Could provide an important trail connection

Thank you to Roger Kehr. His term is up and he moved out of city boundaries. We appreciate all he has done for the committee.

Action items

- *Committee needs to review the updated BST Access Plan and provide feedback for next month's meeting*

- *Melissa - coordinate with Anne Eatchel and the Butlerville Day Committee about the tree planting*
- *Ronna will send out specific questions to the group re: the walking maps. We have till Thursday to send further feedback*
- *Bruce get feedback to Mike Johnson ASAP*

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020